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LETTER DATED 16 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF KUWAIT TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I transmit to you herewith a letter addressed to you from Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the State of Kuwait.

I should be grateful if you would inform the members of the Council of the content of the letter and have it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mohammad A. ABULHASAN
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Letter dated 16 November 1994 from the First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Kuwait addressed to the President of the Security Council

I refer to the letter dated 12 November 1994 from the Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq addressed to you, enclosing the Declaration issued by the Iraqi National Assembly on 10 November 1994 and Decree No. 200 of the Revolution Command Council of the Republic of Iraq, which affirm Iraq's recognition of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of Kuwait and of its international boundaries as endorsed by the provisions of Security Council resolution 833 (1993), and the copy of Alwaqai Aliraqiya, the Government's official gazette, in which the Declaration and Decree were published.

I first wish to express the gratitude and appreciation of the Amir, the Government and the people of Kuwait for the position that the Security Council has maintained since the adoption of resolution 660 (1990). It was undoubtedly this stance, reflecting the unity of opinion of its members, their determination that Iraq should fulfil all the conditions without ambiguity or hesitation and the firmness of the Council's resolve to leave Iraq no room for manoeuvre, which has brought us to the point where Iraq has had to comply with the Council's demands for positive action on paragraph 2 of resolution 687 (1991), which represents the crux of the problem.

The Kuwaiti Council of Ministers, meeting on 12 November 1994 under the chairmanship of His Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister and in the presence of the Speaker of the National Assembly, issued a communiqué in which it expressed its awareness of the importance of this step, which Iraq should have taken at the time of its unconditional acceptance of Security Council resolution 687 (1991) of 3 April 1991, and affirmed that the Decree on recognition was a step in the right direction towards Iraq's implementation of all Security Council resolutions relating to its aggression against the State of Kuwait and a result of the insistence of the international community as represented in the Security Council on the necessity of Iraq's implementation of all Security Council resolutions and its affirmation of the political and legal unity enshrined in these resolutions.

The Iraqi recognition is also a confirmation of the political and historical reality of the State of Kuwait, as affirmed by official minutes, exchanges of letters and international and bilateral agreements, the most recent being those of 1932 and 1963 and all of which establish beyond any doubt or contention this historical independent reality, as well as the establishment of political and diplomatic relations between the two countries over a period of three decades at the embassy and ambassadorial levels.

I wish to affirm the importance and the necessity of this step of Iraq's being followed by similar steps towards the serious implementation of all Security Council resolutions, in order that Iraq may prove its good intentions

towards the State of Kuwait and neighbouring States and thus lay the foundations for security and stability in this vital part of the world.

I also call on the States members of the Security Council to maintain their firm positions of principle and their earnest endeavours to compel Iraq to release all Kuwaiti and other prisoners and detainees and to put an end to their bitter suffering by letting them return to their families and relatives.

Kuwait stresses in particular the need for Iraq's implementation of resolution 949 (1994) adopted unanimously by the Security Council, the Council being aware of the need for caution and circumspection in its dealings with Iraq in the light of Kuwait's bitter experience.

I wish to reaffirm that Kuwait will cooperate fully with the Council to ensure full implementation of all resolutions relating to Iraq's aggression against the State of Kuwait adopted under Chapter VII of the Charter.

(Signed) Sabah al-Ahmad AL-JABER
First Deputy Prime Minister and
Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the State of Kuwait